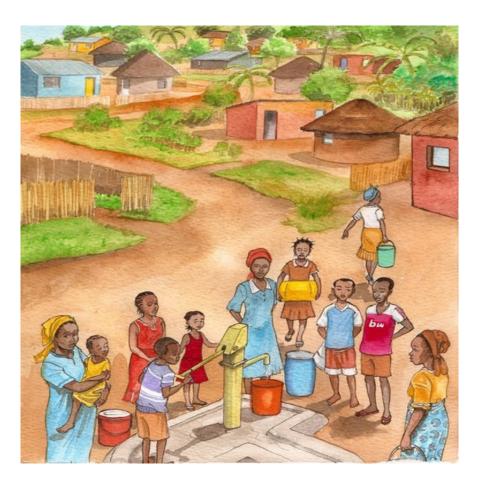


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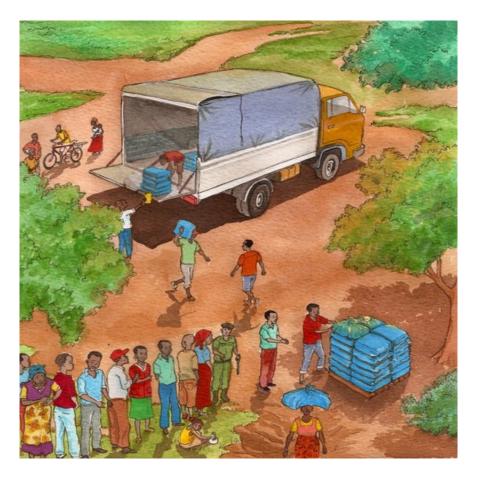




كَانَ لِقَرْيَتِي اَلعَدِيدُ مِنَ اَلمَشَاكِلَ. فَنَحْنُ نَقِفُ صَفًّا طَوِيلاً لِنَجْلِبَ اَلماءَ من صَنْبُورٍ وَاحِدٍ.

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My village had many problems. We made a long line to fetch water from one tap.



وَنَنْتَظِرُ المَعُونَاتِ مِنَ الآخَرِينَ.

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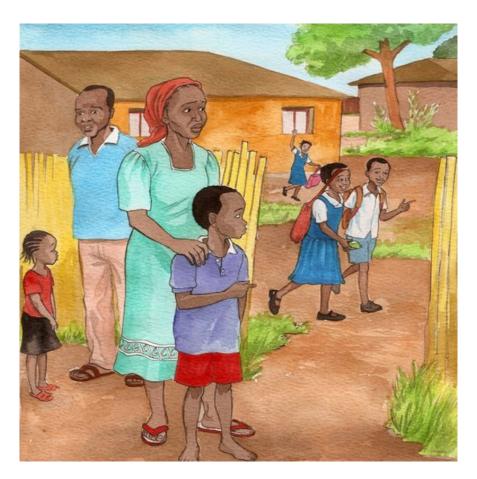
We waited for food donated by others.



وَنُقْفِلُ أَبْوَابَ مَنَازِلِنَا بَاكِراً خَوْفاً مِنَ اللُّصُوصِ.

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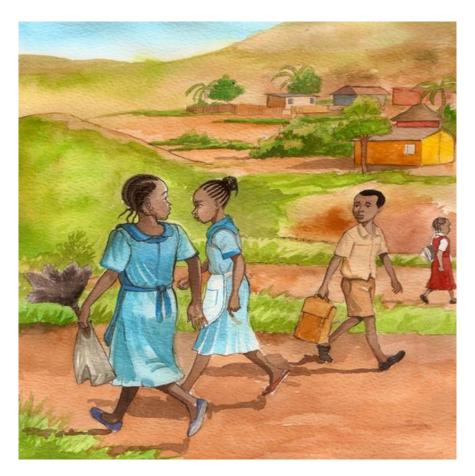
We locked our houses early because of thieves.



تَرَكَ اَلعَدِيدُ مِنَ اَلأَطْفَالِ اَلْمَدْرَسَةِ.

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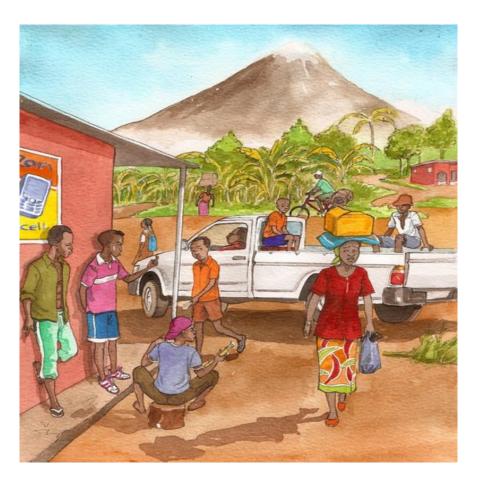
Many children dropped out of school.



وَاَلْفَتيَاتُ اَلصَّغِيرَاتُ يَعْمَلْنَ خَادِماتٍ في اَلْقُرَى الأُخْرَى.

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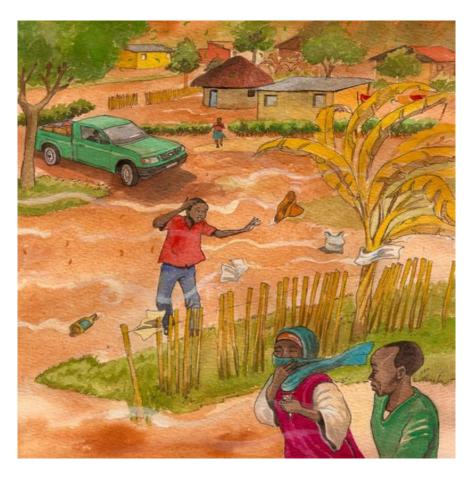
Young girls worked as maids in other villages.



يَتَسَكَعُ اَلصِبْيَةُ اَلصِّغارُ في جَميعِ أَنْحاءِ اَلقَرْيَةِ، بَينَما يَعمَلُ الآخَرُونَ في مَزَارِعِ اَلنَاسِ.

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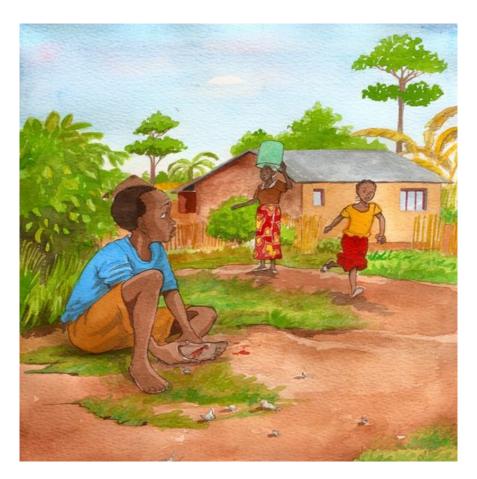
Young boys roamed around the village while others worked on people's farms.



عِنْدَمَا تَهُبُّ اَلرِّيَاحُ، تَعْلَقُ مُخلَّفاتُ آلأَوْرَاقِ عَلَى اللَّهْجارِ وَالأَسْوَارِ.

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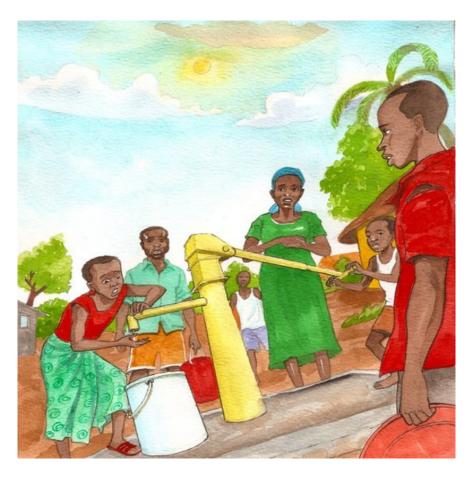
When the wind blew, waste paper hung on trees and fences.



يُجْرَحُ اَلنَّاسُ بِاَلزُجاجِ اَلمَكسُورِ اَلمُهْمَلِ.

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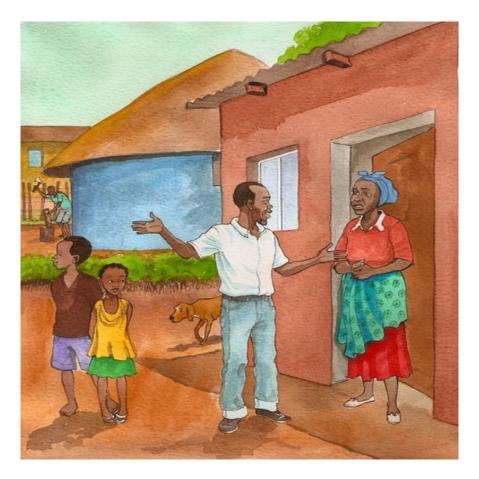
People were cut by broken glass that was thrown carelessly.



وَفي أَحَدِ اَلأَيَّامِ جَفَّ الصَّنْبُورُ، وَأَصْبَحَتْ أَوْعِيَتُنَا فَارِغَةً.

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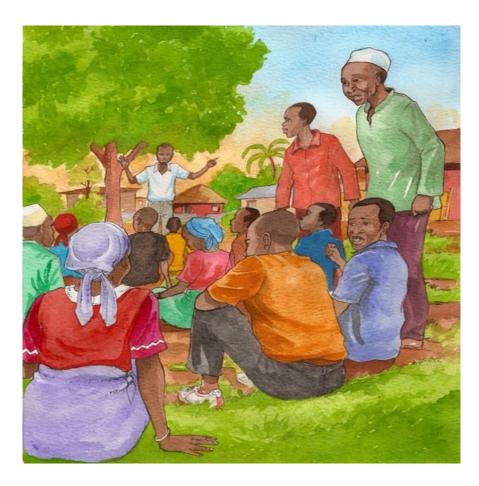
Then one day, the tap dried up and our containers were empty.



دَارَ أَبِي مِنْ مَنْزِلٍ إلى مَنْزِلٍ، لِيَدْعُوَهُمْ لاِجْتِمَاعِ اَلقَرْيَةِ.

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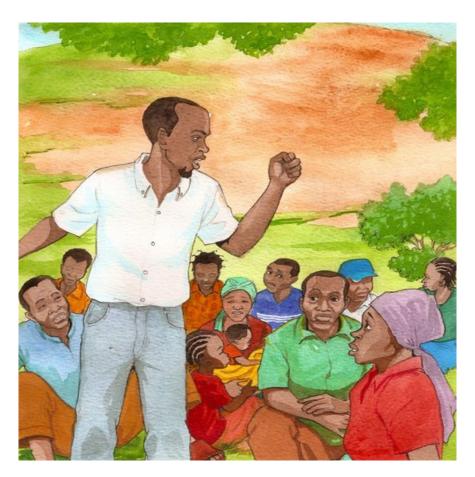
My father walked from house to house asking people to attend a village meeting.



اِجْتَمَعَ اَلنَّاسُ تَحْتَ اَلشَّجَرَةِ اَلكبيرَةِ واَستَمَعُوا.

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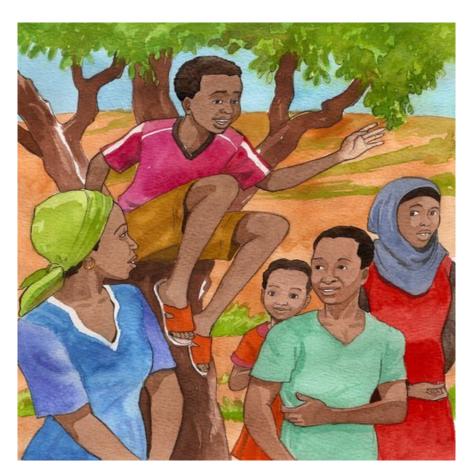
People gathered under a big tree and listened.



وَقَفَ أَبِي وقَالَ: "نَحْنُ بِحَاجَةٍ لِأَنْ نَعْمَلَ مَعًا لِحَلِّ المُشْكِلَةِ".

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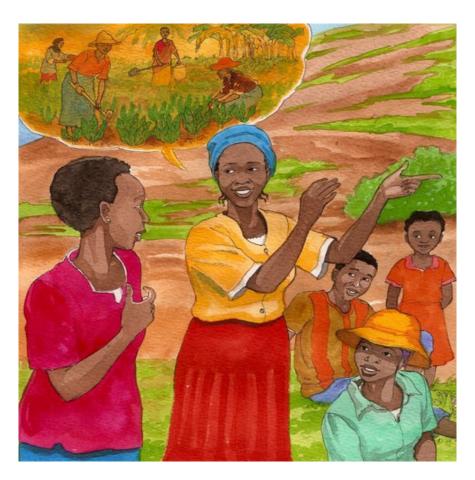
My father stood up and said, "We need to work together to solve our problems."



صَرَخَ جُومًا اَلطِّفْلُ ذُو الثَّمَانِ سَنَواتٍ: "أَنَا أَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ أُسَاعِدَ بِاَلتَّنْظِيفِ".

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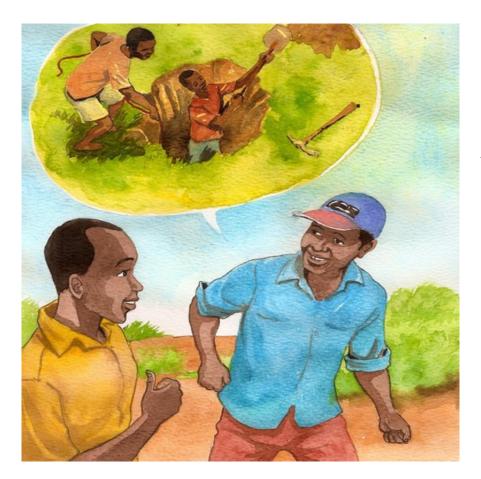
Eight-year-old Juma, sitting on a tree trunk shouted, "I can help with cleaning up."



قَالَتْ اِمْرَأَةٌ: "النِّسَاءُ يَسْتَطِعْنَ الانْضِمَامَ إليَّ لِإِراعَةِ المَحَاصِيلِ اَلغِذائيَّةً".

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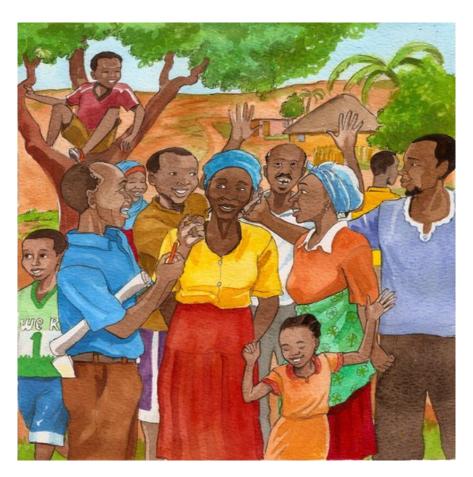
One woman said, "The women can join me to grow food."



وَقَفَ رَجُلٌ آخَرَ وَقَالَ: "اَلرِّجالُ سَيَحْفِرونَ بِئراً".

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Another man stood up and said, "The men will dig a well."



صَرَخْنَا جَمِيعاً: "يَجِبُ عَلَيْنَا تَغْيِيرُ حَيَاتِنَا". مِنَ اليَوْمِ سَنَعْمَلُ مَعًا لِحَلِّ مَشَاكِلِنَا.

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We all shouted with one voice, "We must change our lives." From that day we worked together to solve our problems.



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